

Amherst Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday 19 April 2011

Attendance: Nancy McMillan, Kim Parrett, Wendy Rannenberg, Karen Urbanik, Mike Heaney, and Manny Almeida

Absent: Dan Gravel, Addie Hutchinson, Travis Warren, Pim Gondstra (SSB), Jim O'Mara, and Drew Zell (ASB)

Audience of Citizens: Brad and Karin Knight

Meeting called to order at 1802 by Kim Parrett

- ✚ Brad Knight was present to explain to the commission his thoughts on his recent purchase of the Brewster property. Ben Brewster will continue to offer fields for growing of organic vegetables. Brad plans to go before the Zoning Board and Planning Board to get a variance to permit use of the fields for practice. He wants to put four practice fields into immediate use. Many items were discussed concerning possible future plans of the fields, leasing agreements, scheduling, and maintenance.
- ✚ Motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Manny for the commission to go into non-public session from 1900. All were in favor. At 1915 Wendy moved and Manny seconded to come out of public session. Vote was unanimous.
- ✚ No minutes available from the 22 March 2011 meeting.

Old Business

- ✚ Discussion on concessions at the summer band concerts on whom or what groups should sell. Possibility of having an agreement with Moulton's selling and recreation department receiving a percentage.
- ✚ Board of Selectman did approve the P MEC use guidelines at their meeting on Monday 18 April 2011.
- ✚ Letter of appreciation sent to the former Friends of P MEC

New Business

- ✚ No reports from the following: Amherst School District, Souhegan School District, Board of Selectman, Administration or Facility Committees
- ✚ P MEC committee-Boys and Girls of Souhegan Valley holding a retreat on Saturday 7 May 2011. Amherst department heads had their meeting at P MEC. All were impressed with the facility. Discussion on naming rights for past contributors. Guidelines need to be developed. Plaques will be installed in recognition of Bertha Rogers and Betty Arnold. Wendy looking into information for cases for the stuffed animals. Trails Day at Hampshire Hills was very successful. Eagle Scout project to install an herb garden and a 3 sister's garden (beans, corn and squash). Amherst Garden Club to put in a low maintenance garden. Front walk way to be installed soon.
- ✚ Director's Report-Three partnerships in the works. First is Futsal with the Amherst Soccer Club. It is similar to indoor soccer played on basketball courts. It is taking place on two Saturdays in March and April. Second, Dave Saxe will be

running a six week summer boys soccer league for boys who completed 8th grade through 12th grade. Third, the SAU Wellness committee is offering a six to eight week Jazzercise class for teachers only.

- ✚ Kim mentioned that the town skating rink will come under the care of town recreation maintenance.
- ✚ Kim announced that as of 30 June she will be resigning as a member of the Amherst Recreation Commission.
- ✚ Meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Karen Urbanik
Acting Secretary